



Lassen Motorcycle Club
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CA State Parks,

I am writing to submit comments for five grant requests submitted by the BLM Eagle Lake Field Office.

These comments are written on behalf of the Lassen Motorcycle Club, a non-profit organization of 30+ active members founded in the early 1970's. We are a member club of the Motorcycle Racing Association of Northern Nevada (MRANN) and sponsor annual desert races in two areas managed by the Eagle Lake Field Office, including the Fort Sage OHV area.

We have reviewed and support the following grant applications and request that these grants be considered for approval:

1. G10-01-08-A01, a land acquisition grant request to purchase one privately owned parcel to provide additional OHV recreation opportunities within the Fort Sage OHV area. The project would add additional acres to the current OHV area and stop current trespass issues into private and state lands, would reduce future user conflicts with potential private land owners and would create additional recreation opportunities for OHV users and other recreationists. This acquisition would facilitate creation of planned loop/connector trails within the project area and eliminate OHV users from riding on the adjacent county road with non-street legal vehicles, as well as private and state lands to connect to designated trails. Please approve this grant request.
2. G10-01-08-D01, a development request for the purchase and installation of a new ADA accessible vault toilet facility, barrier system and kiosk within the Fort Sage OHV staging area. This project would update the 23-year-old existing facility by relocating the vault toilet to an adjacent area, away from the current picnic area which will improve usability and aesthetics of the picnic area. It would improve overall conditions for users and make maintenance of the staging facility more cost efficient. Please approve this grant request.
3. G10-01-08-G01, a ground operations request for continued trail monitoring to ensure trails are safe and useable for all users including OHVs, equestrians, mountain bikers and hikers while maintaining soil conditions and protecting habitats and other resources within the Fort Sage OHV Area. These grant monies would fund the work that BLM staff does in this area, which also complements the volunteer work the Lassen M/C members do in trail maintenance, rider education, and garbage pick-up. Without the grant monies, the job would be much larger and not as effective in maintaining the Fort Sage OHV area for all users. Recent new signing throughout the area and development of a new area map has greatly improved rider ability to use the area safely and to maneuver on appropriate trails for rider ability. Continued maintenance of the signing is very important in addition to the trail and facility maintenance. Please approve this grant request.



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4. G10-01-08-L01, a law enforcement grant request for the Eagle Lake Field Office including the Fort Sage OHV area. We feel that responsible OHV use requires law enforcement to prevent unauthorized and unsafe practices not only in designated OHV areas, but throughout the entire Field Office area. Unauthorized or irresponsible use by a few reflects poorly on the entire OHV community and the sport. We feel strongly that law enforcement is required to curtail negative views of our sport by the public and is necessary to help protect the habitats and other resources through which we ride. Please approve this grant request.

5. G10-01-08-R01, planning for restoration and cultural studies within Wilderness Study Areas to determine presence and extent of OHV use, damage, and possible techniques for restoration on undesignated routes within WSA's managed by the Eagle Lake Field Office. As with the law enforcement proposal above, identification of areas of unauthorized use and determining effective restoration opportunities helps keep the open riding areas open for the OHV community and educate users about those areas protected for other resource uses. Restoring the areas of past unauthorized use, educating riders and other recreational users will reinforce the need to responsibly use our resources and OHV users should be supportive of a variety of resource uses. Please approve this grant request.

Lassen M/C is very appreciative of the hard work the Recreation Staff at the Eagle Lake Field Office does in the management of OHV programs. These grants would continue to support and promote responsible use by all recreationists. Thank you for considering our comments and support.

Sincerely,

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